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## Afro-American Council to be Merged into the Socialist Party.

The copy of the minutes hereafter shown will explain the part taken by the leaders of the Afro-American Council with organized labor, the result of which was the forming of a compact that caused G. W. Whitley to be put on the Socialist ticket as a candidate for councilman, upon the pledge of Jas. M. Alexander, State President of the Afro-American Council, Rufus S. Stout of the Afro-American Council and G. W. Whitley, President of the local Afro-American Council and State organizer, that the Afro-American Council as an organization and to a man would support the Socialist ticket headed by Job Hariman for Mayor in the present city campaign.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29, 1910.

"At 8:30 P. M. in the Temple of Labor in Room 202, the following named gentlemen representing their respective organizations assembled in Mass meeting, for the purpose of affecting an organization looking forward to the betterment of every class of organized labor, and all American Citizens. To Wit:—

"J. E. Temmons of International Association of Building and Structural Iron Workers.

"C. F. Grow of International Association of Machinists.

"Godfrey Dawson of Pattern Makers League of North America.

"Joe Mayer of Cigar Makers League.

"E. Powelson of I. B. E. W. & I. U. S. E.

"E. H. Misner of International Association of Machinists.

"Chas. Swain of Hod Carriers Union and B. T. I. P. U.

"G. W. Whitley, President and organizer of Afro-American Council.

"JAS. M. ALEXANDER, State President of the AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL.

"Rufus S. Stout of Afro-American Council.

"After a few remarks by the gentlemen present, Mr. C. F. Grow called the meeting to order. On motion Mr. C. F. Grow was elected President and Rufus S. Stout, Secretary. On motion by Mr. Jas. M. Alexander, and seconded by Mr. Joe Mayer that the rules of the International Association of Machinists be adopted and carried.

"By a suggestion of P. H. Misner, a motion was made by Mr. Godfrey Dawson, that the Organization be known as 'Mutual Organized League of California'—carried. On motion by Mr. Joe Mayer that the resolution by R. S. Stout be adopted. The resolution was as follows:—

"Whereas, the interests of all American Citizens are the same regardless to race or color, and whereas we believe the day has come for a step to be taken to unite all laborers, regardless to color, and encourage the Afro-American citizens. Be it resolved:—

"That we and each of us return to our respective organizations, and urge them as far as possible to repeal all laws barring the Negro from membership from our respective organizations and where

the law cannot be repealed that we take the matter in our hands locally and admit our colored brother without being a member of any union to work along with us, in his respective trades until such time as we can admit him to full membership and give him such relief that may be in our power from time to time, and report the results of all action of our respective organizations at the next meeting of the Mutual Organized League of California, or as early as possible.

"After some remarks the resolution was unanimously adopted.

"On motion by Mr. Godfrey Dawson that a copy of the resolution be handed to each representative in this body, and representatives of the several labor organizations, for their consideration.—Carried.

On motion that the 'Mutual Organized League' meet each Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. until otherwise ordered."

A new organization as above shown formed among the union labor men and the Afro-American Council—under the name of Mutual Organized League with the following officers:—

G. F. Grow of International Ass'n. of Machinists, President.

George S. Brown of Afro-American Council, Vice-president.

Rufus S. Stout, Secretary.

Henry E. De Pew, treasurer.

M. W. Alexander, sergeant-at-arms.



So important did the Afro-American Council become that Jas. M. Alexander and other officers of that organization met at the Labor Temple with Andrew J. Gallagher of the State Labor Council, who with several others, came down from San Francisco for that special purpose.

Mr. Alexander and other leaders of the Afro-American Council, after pledging that organization to support the Socialist ticket in this city, have put it out that the Afro-American Council is now supporting Geo. Alexander for Mayor.

They had Mayor Geo. Alexander to make a speech to the members of that organization at Scott's Hall, and as soon as the Mayor's speech was over he was excused, so that a vote could be taken to endorse him for re-election. After three ballots had been taken, each of which was against endorsing Mayor Geo. Alexander for re-election the meeting broke up in a row.

### BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Accepting an invitation of Mr. Chas. Spencer, an enterprising rancher at Watts, we spent the afternoon of last Sunday in that prosperous village.

Taking a Long Beach car at the Sixth Street Station, a fifteen minute's ride, passing through village after village with nothing to separate them but streets, brought us to Abila, a prosperous colored settlement. Paying a short visit to Linwood Acres, Mr. Harry Mitchell's fine, new subdivision, we returned to Abila.

This settlement has two churches, one Methodist and one Baptist; has five grocery stores and one real estate office—all doing well.

The settlement occupies many acres of fine land, the holdings ranging from a few improved lots to several acres each.

Nothing we saw held out brighter promise for the future than the scores of clean, healthy, bright,

intelligent looking boys and girls we met. They were to be seen everywhere, playing around every door and their sweet voices and cheerful laughter took us back to the days when life was a childhood dream.

The women of Abila are certainly prolific and are building well for the future.

We spent a few moments at the new and attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gordon. Their modern five room cottage and several lots on the corner of Garden street facing the car line, are a valuable investment. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are recent comers to Southern California and showed their good sense by settling in the country where \$2,000 will purchase enough land to furnish a living, instead of a small house and lot in the city.

Mr. Gordon is a railroad man.

Mrs. Gordon is a young woman of refinement who is devoting her time to poultry-raising and gardening.

Their place is a credit to that section.

Two o'clock found us at the cozy home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, our host and hostess, where we were found Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Moore, all of this city, and Rev. J. R. Skinner, pastor of the Abila Baptist Church.

Mrs. Moore entertained the guests pleasantly with a number of piano selections.

Mr. Spencer has a valuable ranch and is making a specialty of raising poultry and Belgian hares.

Mrs. Spencer who is a cultured Tennessean, prepared a sumptuous dinner which was enjoyed by the guests.

We hope to visit Watts again at an early date.

### THE DAUGHTER OF EMANCIPATION

Mr. and Mrs. Van Norton of 2843 Glassell street, are all smiles over the arrival of a daughter.

Having been born on the Tenth of October, the day the men of California emancipated the women of this state, little Miss Van Norton was indeed born free and equal to all citizens of this commonwealth.

The tenth of October was a good day on which to be born.

A fine boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Adams of 845 East 9th street on the 18th. Mother and son are both doing well.

Mr. Adams is a popular hotel man and works a full colored crew at one of the leading hotels.

### NEGROES TRYING TO DEFEAT COLORED CANDIDATES

There are a number of Negro men around town, members of the old machine as represented by the Afro-American Council, already giving Fred Roberts the double cross by persuading the colored women not to register. These men know that if our women register they will vote for the colored candidates on the municipal ticket. They are trying to prevent this by keeping our loyal women from registering.

Every white woman is registering and the Negro man who tries to keep colored women from registering is not only an enemy of his race but is trying to beat the colored candidates.

These same fellows worked and voted against woman's suffrage but were beaten at the polls. Now they are slipping around persuading colored women not to register—although they see all other women preparing to vote.

Miss Ethel Washington's home on Friday evening was the scene of a very pretty affair given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Vaughn a newly wedded couple.

A large company of friends were present throughout the reception and all voted Miss Washington a most charming hostess. Beautiful cut flowers played the most important part in the decorations.



## RECEPTION TO REV. McMICKENS

An audience that taxed the capacity of the Eighth street Christian Church tendered Rev. McMickens a brilliant reception Tuesday evening. The pastors of many of the leading churches were present and extended to Rev. McMickens a hearty welcome. The church and Sunday School rendered a splendid program. The decoration of the church was beautiful and in keeping with the occasion. Ice cream and cake were served.

Rev. McMickens has greatly stimulated the work of the church since assuming the pastorate a few months ago. He is a zealous, capable young man and his church has a bright future.

## REVIVAL CLOSED

The revival at Wesley M. E. Church which has been going on for several weeks, closed Sunday with the largest audience in the history of the church. For want of standing room, many were turned away. There were three conversions Sunday night making the total number of accessions to the church during the meetings nearly a hundred. The new members as they appeared in front of the altar Sunday night produced a very impressive scene.

The reception tendered them on Tuesday evening brought out a big crowd who spent a pleasant evening. Supper was served which all enjoyed.

Sister Lewis is a great worker and will conduct a number of revivals in other churches before leaving for her home in Kentucky.

Mr. E. E. Wood one of our enterprising citizens is building a nice cottage at Watts. Some years ago, Mr. Wood bought 12 lots at \$40 each; they are now worth \$250 per lot. Mr. Wood is a cement contractor.

This has been a rather busy week for the smart set, two church functions, a wedding and reception of much interest and a large reception for a recent bridal couple.

## Y. M. C. A. PURCHASED BUILDING LOT

The building committee composed of six men, 3 each from the central and colored associations with the presidents and secretaries of each association, purchased a lot situated on the corner of Ninth and Hemlock streets costing \$15,000. A better location could not have been selected and the work will go on with renewed vigor.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Valentine of 2108 Central avenue were delightful host and hostess on Tuesday when they entertained in honor of their 24th wedding anniversary.

A host of friends called during the reception hours which were from 2 to 6 and 8 to 11 o'clock.

The Ladies Auxilliary of St. Philip's Episcopal Church expect to feature the following at their Kirmess in December. "The Indian Wigwam," "Oriental Tent," "Fish Pond," "The Great Missouri Apron Cyclone," "Perry and Cook North or Artic Pole Concession." No doubt the most important booth will be the "Heartease Cafe". A bevy of beautiful young ladies will preside in all these several concessions.

A high class program will be given each evening.

St. Philip's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the only colored Chapter of the Brotherhood west of Chicago, is receiving a great deal of favorable comment.

At their meeting held on Tuesday evening the Brotherhood decided to concentrate every effort to make the celebration of St. Andrew's day a most notable one among the men and especially the young men in their midst.

A special service of much interest to men will be held on the evening of December 3rd in St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

Rev. Fr. Cleghorn was confined to his room for several days last week with a serious illness at present he is able to be up and about but still feels the effect.

Mrs. Gee and daughter of Chicago who have been in our midst for several weeks as the guest of Mrs. Haley has returned home.

Mrs. S. B. Hill of Glassel street will give a house social in the nature of a Hallowe'en party at her home on Tuesday evening for the benefit of St. Philip's Church.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Childress on West 36th street on Wednesday at 5 p. m. before a company of most intimate friends, surrounded with all the beauty of a well planned and artistic floral appointments the color scheme being green and violet. Miss Katherine Brown became the bride of Alonzo C. Murdock.

Rev. Fr. W. T. Cleghorn of St. Philip's Episcopal Church reading the beautiful wedding service and Miss Portia Canty playing softly and sweetly the wedding music.

After the ceremony the wedding party partook of a wedding supper which was followed by a large reception.

The place cards for the wedding supper were hand painted cards in the shape of a bride's slipper and were the handiwork of Mrs. Mary Troy.

Mrs. A. V. Childress in a most beautiful gown—one of Worth's creations—assisted the bridal couple in receiving the many guests while the Misses Estelle Everett, Beulah Bronson, Emmie Nelson, Mammie Lovett and Hattie Pritchard all becomingly gowned, assisted with the dainty refreshments.

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## JUSTICE HARLAN

The death of Associate Justice Harlan of the United States Supreme Court, removes from the American bar one of its great jurists. Not since the days of Chief Justice Marshall has there been a superior to Justice Harlan—if even then. His dissenting opinions for which he became famous carried with them more law than was embodied in the opinions handed down by the majority. His opinions were

never influenced by public sentiment, but were a definition of the law as dug out by his thorough investigation of the principles involved.

His dissenting opinions in the famous Civil Rights and Berea College cases were the law in both contentions as based upon the Declaration of Independence and the American Constitution and Amendments. And, if this government is to survive, those dissenting opinions of Justice Harlan will have to be the law of the land.

### The Special Friend of No Class

In his capacity as Judge, Justice Harlan was the special friend of no class. He defined the law as he understood it, regardless of the interests involved.

His dissenting opinions in the Civil Rights and Berea College cases, have caused many colored editors and speakers to erroneously speak of him as the special friend of the American Negro. He was the friend of the Negro, only in the sense, that the Negro is a part of humanity. He was a friend of humanity and was great because he regarded all races as an integral part of the whole.

In defining law he couldn't conceive of it as favoring any part of the whole to the detriment of the other. To see the law differently, no judge or other person can be the true friend of any part of humanity.

His dissenting opinions in the Standard Oil Case, was the most stinging criticism ever administered to the judges of that august body

That opinion showed the peril of trust-made judges and hastened the day when the Recall of Judges, will be a part of the Constitution of every state in the Union.

Justice Harlan was a patriot and a friend of his country because he stood for the impartial enforcement of its laws; he was a true friend of his own—the white race—because he was the friend of all races—the friend of humanity.

## A FRIEND OF HUMANITY GONE

The death of Elder B. F. Coulter, pastor of the Broadway Christian Church, removed from the stage of human activities, a man loved and respected by all who knew him. Aside from his long and useful life as a minister of the gospel, he was a business man whose phenomenal success was due to the fact that he took his religion into his business and made the Golden Rule the manual of his conduct in dealing with men.

The Coulter Dry Goods store on Broadway is a monument to his business achievements, that cannot be hidden. Not so with his princely benevolences; these are scattered about the city in the form of churches and Christian missions, maintained by his donations. For he gave a tenth of his income that men, without regard to race, color or nationality, might learn to walk in the footsteps of him who made himself of no reputation that through His love they might be exalted.

Although the monument to his munificence which stand in the form of churches given free to struggling congregations, he saw to it that there was nothing about them to indicate that they were gifts of a Christian philanthropist.

He gave as noiselessly as falls the snow.

The beautiful Eighth street Christian church which he gave to a colored congregation of that denomination cost him \$5,000 cash. At his own expense he maintained four missions, one of which was a Japanese. Besides giving his pastoral services free to the Broadway Christian church, he contributed \$50 per week for its support.

At his funeral which took place on the Ninth, mourners representing several races and nationalities shed sincere tears over the bier of their friend who was no more. A great soul has gone to his reward and leaves the world better for his having lived.



The brides attendants were Miss Roberta Murdock and Miss Maurine Moss while the groom was unattended.

The bride was a beautiful picture in her gown of White Crepe de Schene over white satin with trimmings of pearl beads.

She wore a veil with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdock left for a short wedding trip and will be at home to their many friends after November the fifteenth in their own beautiful little bungalow, 982 Austin street.

The groom has purchased one of the prettiest homes in the city and one feature of the home that has appealed to all who have seen it was the beautiful breakfast room.

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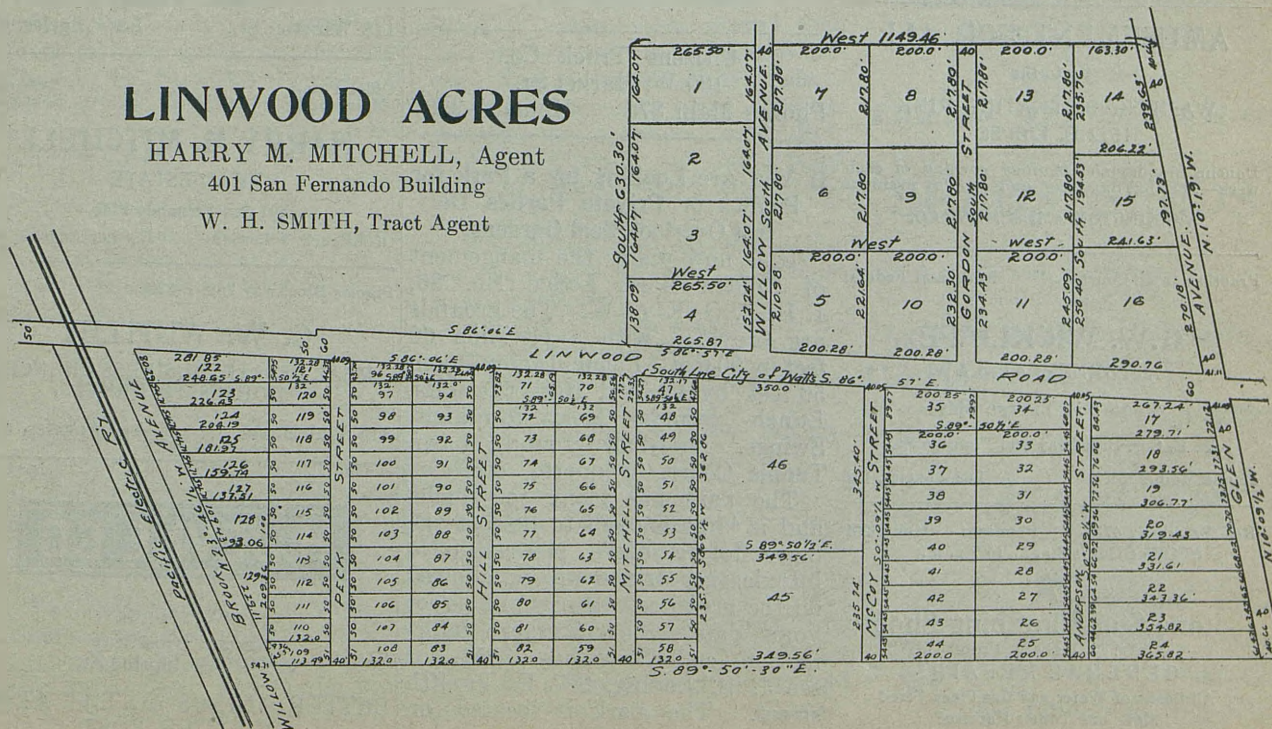
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Rev. J. Gordon McPherson of Spokane, Washington will conduct a revival at Dr. J. T. Hill's Church commencing November 1st.

The son of Mrs. Crooms on Council street is seriously ill.

Miss Deicy McCartney, a prominent young lady of Texarkana, Texas is the guest of her sister Mrs. J. S. Strawn of 1420 W. 35th Place. Miss McCartney's family is well known in Texas and Arkansas.

Miss Dabney a recent arrival from Washington, D. C., has removed from 420 Daily street to Pasadena.

**BACK TO THE FARM**

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**A BIG MEETING**

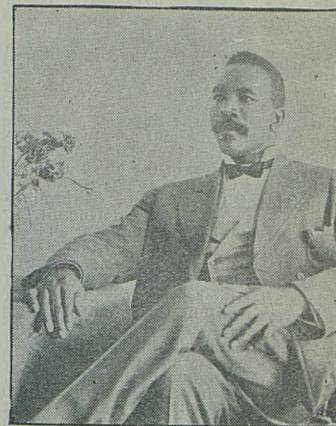
The colored Socialist meeting at Washington Rink on the 24th was by far the largest colored gathering held this year. There were fully 1,000 voters present—four-fifths of whom were colored men and women, all voters, not rounders. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meeting. Among the speakers were Rev. J. G. McPherson and Mrs. Riley both of whom spoke eloquently.

Wednesday was certainly a day for the cupids to play their most important roles.

Mr. Geo. Wrenn claimed as his bride before the altar in St. Philip's Episcopal Church Miss Katharine McKinney.

Rev. Father Cleghorn officiating.

It has been reported to the editor that the interests of the Good Government campaign among the colored voters of this city which has been permitted to drift like a ship at sea without a rudder has been taken in charge by its old enemy, the Afro-American Council.

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The people of the State of California send greetings to: Clara Rogers, defendant.

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the Complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this County; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract or he will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the superior court of the county of Los Angeles, State of California, this 22d day of June, A. D., 1911.

H. J. LELANDE, Clerk.

By E. G. Riggins, Deputy Clerk.

(Superior Court Seal)

G. W. Wickliffe, attorney for plaintiff.  
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